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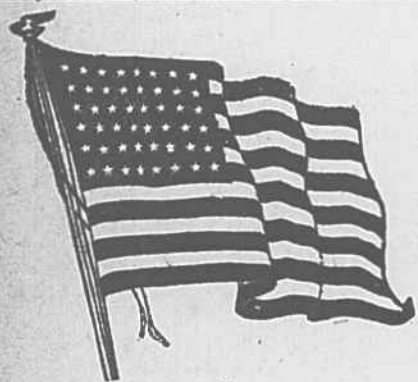
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WEDNESDAY EVENING, JULY 18, 1917.



STUPID POLITICS

PRESIDENT ROGERS, of the State Federation of
Labor cannot understand why the county officials
should have the affrontery to name such a gang of
notorious hangers-on as special war deputies. He has no
monopoly in his amazement. Lots of people are quite as
much astonished as he is.

Even those people who have an insight into the meth-
ods of gang politicians have not yet recovered from their
surprise at the rashness of this deal. Their next state will
be bewildered that so much should be risked when there
is so little to gain.

Some of these worthies would do any kind of politi-
cal dirty work they are asked to do, but it is by no means
necessary to do anything for them in return, least of all
to imperial the "cause" for them. Protection is all they
ask.

It is the history of gang politics in this country that
the first sign of the weakness of an organization is marked
stupidity on the part of the leaders. These appointments
are worse than stupid. But if the people who are in the
Democratic party can stand for them the rest of the pub-
lic can—until the next election.

REAL TEST OF SINCERITY

THOSE White house picketers who have been given
60 day sentences in a common workhouse are at
last up against the real thing in the way of martyr-
dom. And the worst feature of their condition is that
there is precious little sympathy throughout the country
for them.

If they back out a cynical public will laugh them into
oblivion; if they stick it out and do time a careless public
will forget about them—which is just another way of
achieving the same end.

Nor will they improve their lot much by going to the
workhouse and attempting a hunger strike. It might keep
them on the front pages of the newspapers a little while
longer but in the free and easy language of the street it
will not get them anything in the long run. Last winter
a woman who had the advantage of being very well known
throughout the country to begin with started a hunger strike
in New York. She got a lot of notoriety, and even got
out of jail, but she did not do the cause she starved for
a bit of good and not one man or woman out of a hundred
could now recall her name.

The so-called suffrage advocates who have been
picketing the White house have succeeded in maneuvering
public opinion against themselves. They have even done a
great deal of harm to the cause they pretend to represent.
What they are trying to accomplish no normal man, or wo-
man either, can understand, but in performing in front of
the White house they have been guilty of crass stupidity—
and that is an offense the American people will never con-
done.

But now that the Washington police magistrates have
come to the conclusion that they will have to treat the

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FOOD DEALERS VIOLATE LAW.

CHARLESTON, July 16.—[Editor
The West Virginian.]—I am writing
to call your attention to the fact that
a great many dealers, doing business
in this state are violating the law by
selling goods in package form, with-
out the net contents being marked on
the outside of the package in terms of
weights, measures or numerical count,
as provided for in Section 23 of the
Weights and Measures law.

This is especially true of crates con-
taining heads of cabbage, hampers and
baskets containing potatoes, green
beans, green peas, tomatoes and many
varieties of fruit. These crates, ham-
pers and baskets usually contain less
than they are supposed to contain, and

articles of these females seriously it is barely possible that
they too will change front. They have taken an appeal
and doubtless there is yet time in which they can pay and
let the whole silly performance drop.

TOWN KNOCKING

MANAGER O'NEAL, of The Fairmont, who has
been around a bit after being in the city for a few
weeks gives it as his opinion that Fairmont is an en-
terprising city and the people who live here wide awake
and enthusiastic. John B. Stevenson, the big wholesaler,
whose business has increased so rapidly in the short time
he has been here that it owes necessary to augment the
capital stock of his company, says the same things when-
ever he gets a chance. A New York newspaper man who
since the last national campaign opened a month or so more
than a year ago has been traveling constantly in the United
States, and has visited every nook and corner in the coun-
try, spent some time in the city the other day, and he too
giveness displayed here. In the last six months dozens
of engineers and industrial experts of various kinds have
been in Fairmont on business connected with city govern-
ment and the big corporations, and they all carry away the
same impression.

But these things weigh as nothing with the members
of the Ancient and Timeless Order of Fairmont Knockers.
They can not see any progress here. They have no re-
spect for people who think there is. In their eyes the men
who are making a little money are no more honest than
they should be, and the fellows who boost the town are
fools because it only helps the people who have invested
a lot of money here.

Nothing can be done for that particular kind of
jaundice. These grousers will go on in their sour way
until their end. In the meantime people from other cities
who can read the signs afloat will come in and get rich
on the opportunities that they deliberately ignored. Town
knocking is a contemptible thing but it carries its punish-
ment right along with it all the time.

Is the public to understand that The Times ap-
proves the selection of men out on bail on bootlegging
charges, notorious gamblers and other gentry of that
kind as special war deputy sheriffs? If not the edi-
torial headed "As to Deputies" this morning is the ver-
drift. What has the national government, the Council
of National Defense or the adjustment of labor trou-
bles got to do with a domestic question in the county of
Marion, state of West Virginia? Absolutely nothing.
This matter must stand on its own bottom, and The
Times is either for these malodorous appointments or it
is against them. Which is it to be?

It virtually has been decided that Fairmont's part-
ing testimonial to the soldiers who have been in camp
here for many weeks shall be a flag for the regiment
and a dinner at the new hotel for the officers. Inas-
much as the flag probably will be presented with due
formality at the camp this arrangement would seem to
be about the right one, and it is to be hoped that there
will be a ready response upon the part of the citizens
to any requests that the committees in charge may
make. The flag will cost three or four hundred dollars
and it is the intention that this shall be raised by popu-
lar subscription so that it will be regarded as a gift
of the people of Fairmont rather than as the gift of
a few Fairmont individuals.

There are now four cases of poliomyelitis at Mo-
nongah and the outbreak in that town is beginning to
wear a decidedly serious aspect. If an epidemic is to
be avoided the public will have to help the health au-
thorities by observing faithfully and cheerfully any
remedial measures they may impose.

Sir Edward Carson, the political boss of north Ire-
land and one of the principal obstacles to a workable
solution of the Irish question has "relinquished" his
post of first lord of the admiralty and is now in the
British war cabinet without portfolio. Wonder if this
is the beginning of the eventual elimination of Carson?
It never was quite clear why he was included in the
Lloyd George reorganization of the British government
after the representatives of the real Irish decided to stay
out.

Chairman Denman of the Shipping Board has again
succeeded in delaying action on General Goethals' plans
for building ships. This time there is prospect that
President Wilson will be compelled to settle this long
drawn out and, for the nation's defense plans, dan-
gerous dispute by eliminating one or the other. In this
connection a remark made by the New York World, the
administration's principal newspaper support, Saturday
of last week, is not without interest. After saying that
the country was becoming desperately tired of the Den-
man-Goethals feud The World said: "And let it be well
understood that the wrath of an exhausted patience
will not finally fall on any man who proposes to go
ahead and build ships and who does go ahead."

SHORT AND SNAPPY

The best way to make effective the slogan, "Can
the Kaiser!" is to can all the garden vegetables which
otherwise would go to waste.—Charleston Mail.

One reading between the lines can easily discern
that the Kaiser's decree of "equal franchise" in Prussia
is but a bluff. The next election probably will not take
place before the end of the war and in that event he may
decide to change his mind if political conditions are not
too hot for him.—Parkersburg Sentinel.

Emperor Bill and the rest of them might as well
make it unanimous while the reigning is good.—Con-
necticut Daily Courier.

We are told that if we work on a farm we won't
have to go to war, and that if we go to war we won't
have to work on a farm. But what's bothering some
of our yellow-hid Willie's is, how they can skip 'em
both.—Montgomery News.

Plague of flies adds to Berlin's other trials.—head-
line.—And when the American aviators get to France a
plague of fliers will be added.—Wheeling Register.

"It is inspiring for the preacher to see a full house,"
says a church note. It is for anybody. Full houses are
never dealt so often, but they bring a thrill.—Clarke-
burg Exponent.

thereby defrauding the purchaser. The
law is just as binding on wholesale
dealers as it is on retail dealers and
dealers who do not live in West Vir-
ginia must comply with the law if
they do business in West Virginia.

Sometimes the statement is made
by the dealer that he does not sell any
definite amount, that he sells the crate,
hamper or basket and that he does not
say what it contains. This is just the
evil the law is intended to correct.
The law is as follows: "It shall be un-
lawful to keep for the purpose of sale,
offer or expose for sale, or sell any com-
modity in package form unless the net
quantity of the contents be plainly and
conspicuously marked on the outside
of the package, in terms of weights,
measures or numerical count." The
law also provides that reasonable vari-
ations of tolerances and also exemp-
tions as to small packages, shall be es-
tablished by rules and regulations
made by the Commissioner of Weights
and Measures. This will be found on

Very truly yours,
SAML' B. MONTGOMERY,
Commissioner Weights and Measures.

THOSE RED CROSS DIVIDENDS.
NEW YORK, July 17.—[Editor The
West Virginian.]—Many corporations
declared "Red Cross" dividends to help

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY CONDO)



THE AMERICAN Red Cross care for our
army and navy. The generosity of
these corporations will have been in
vain if shareholders fail to give the
dividends to the Red Cross. Without
these dividends the Red Cross will be
hampered in its work of mercy.

The Red Cross is preparing now for
a vastly increased American army at
the front. It must ship great quanti-
ties of supplies. It must store up sup-
plies for future emergencies. To do
this the Red Cross must get the spe-
cial dividends corporations gave to
shareholders.

Do you know that the French for
the spring offensive, prepared for 900,
000 wounded? To prepare for our
wounded the Red Cross must avail it-
self of every dollar it can get.

We would not risk the lives of our
sons and brothers at the front in un-
skilled hands. Yet skilled hands can
do practically nothing without hospital
stores and equipment. A great quan-
tity of the stores and equipment can be
bought with the millions outstanding
in Red Cross dividends.

For the want of something better,
newspapers have been used to tie up
the wounds of soldiers abroad. When
our boys are wounded—and surely they
will be—are we going to let them suffer
still more through our neglect? To
withhold a Red Cross dividend
means withholding relief from our
wounded.

We at home must help the army at
the front. Men in the misery and mad-
ness of the firing line look to us for
aid. The Red Cross alone offers the
opportunity to extend this aid. One
way of helping is to pay over the di-
vidends to the Red Cross.

You, as a publisher, can help by
printing this letter or referring editor-
ially to the duty of the holders of
these dividends.

Very truly yours,
SEWARD PROSSER,
Chairman, Executive Committee.

Editorial Comment on Current Subjects

PILLORY THE TRAITORS TO THE COAL TRADE.

From the Black Diamond.

The coal industry is on trial before
the eyes of the American people. At-
tempts by Congress to invade the sac-
red rights of private business in coal
have been withheld reluctantly and
only temporarily. The desires to flay
coal men by drastic public action are
merely in abeyance, while the people
see what success the coal men have
in governing themselves and regulat-
ing their own prices. At the first
sign of failure of that self-government,
the old zeal to regulate coal by the
force of the government will be re-
newed. Clearly the coal industry is
on trial.

At this most critical time, traitors
are appearing in the ranks of the in-
dustry. Some few men are trying, by
cheap subterfuge and outright viola-
tion of the spirit of the Washington
agreement, to get a few more pennies
per ton for their coal than the Lan-
cebody price compact calls for. They
are trying both under cover of a tech-
nicity and by open disavowal of the
agreement to get more for their coal
than others are taking.

Such actions are not alone endang-
ering the success of the conference plan.
They place in jeopardy the future of
the industry itself. Such men because
of the sure consequences of their acts
are the open enemies of the coal in-
dustry. They, by their acts, place
themselves beyond the law of the
trade. They expose themselves as
traitors alike to their industry and to
their own ultimate best interests.

We all have far too much involved
to allow that sort of thing to become
predominant. Therefore, The Black
Diamond, will post in a conspicuous
place in its pages the names of those
who prove traitors to their trade. The
industry must be protected against the
enemies within its own ranks. To af-
ford that protection, we will call pub-
lic attention to the malefactors by
name and address.

RUFF STUFF

The guy who handed out the picture
of the new German chancellor the
American newspapers are using was
no friend of Germany.

Big Jawn Tener having been a pret-
ty good governor of Pennsylvania and
a masterful boss of the National league
is to be put in charge of organizing
the fraternal societies for food conser-
vation.

It's a sheer waste of brains and
brawn; he ought to be put to work as
boss bouncer in the halls of Con-
gress.

He has even had experience there
and would know just when to begin
throwing the obstructionists through
the nearest windows.

Maybe these war deputy appoint-
ments are the fruit of a crafty scheme
on the part of the sheriff.

He is sure getting some of the con-
firmed law breakers on his side.

Wonder if that will have the effect
of making them stay good for the
"duration of the war?"

Must say for it that it is a congen-
ial bunch.

Ought to work well together.

Russia should worry over these cab-
inet crises.

Your old friend George Washington
had a crisis on his hands every time
his cabinet met.

But the old U. S. A. managed to
worry along to survive the resignation
of Bill Bryan.

As old Doc Munyon used to say
"there is hope."

Even hope that the bridges will be
built.

Both houses of Congress are break-

Instant Postum

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place of coffee
in thousands of
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ing records with the airship built.

About the only thing Congress does
in a hurry is to spend other people's
money.

"West Virginia 99 per cent dry"—
statement by Anti Saloon league offi-
cer.

Then all the likker consumed in the
state runs down Marion county
throats.

But there must be some sort of mis-
take about this—most of the other
towns are also doing a brisk police
court business.

Monongalia Musings

***It is claimed that there are 500,
000 acres of beans in Nebraska. What
a greedy grin that will bring to the
pompous Puritans of hockish Boston.
The historian of the future may re-
cord the fact that Nebraska was once
famous for its beans and its Bryans.

***School teachers are now journey-
ing across this land of many moun-
tains and more mistakes seeking a
place to encourage the young to trav-
el in wisdom's ways. May success
crown their efforts; may they induce
two thoughts to spring forth where
only one sprang before; may they in-
crease respect for the heroic and sub-
lime and render deception less profit-
able and less attractive.

***One of the most annoying things
in this world is to imagine we are de-
ceiving some one, only to discover
that he saw through our little game
all along. However, we must not
yield to discouragement, as perhaps
there yet remains a few who will
swallow our dope and consider it ex-
cellent.

***A Kentucky woman attempted to
shoot her husband and through care-
lessness shot her cow. A few such
blunders and the Legislature of that
State will be called in special session
for the purpose of enacting legisla-
tion against the use of fire arms by
awful women.

***A western editor says the Ger-
man people are beginning to see them-
selves as others see them. That is
almost as bad as seeing themselves
as they really are.

***Emma Goldman is going to make
overalls inside a Missouri penitentiary.
That is better than making seditious
speeches in New York.

***The people of this country are di-
vided into two general classes: Those
who are wondering how they can get
a little whiskey for personal use and
those who are puzzled to know how
as many can afford to own automobiles.
Both problems are difficult of solu-
tion.

***It has come to light that the
new leader of the Russian army was
born in a log cabin. Had he been
born in a palace, the chances are he
would be a miffed dandy, a dressed up
nothing, a dignified simpleton, a so-
ciety leader, a butterfly, a fashion
plate, a nuisance.

***An Arkansas sage reminds us
that we should "so live that when we
bring a little present home to the
missus she will not think we are try-
ing to cover up a crime with it."

***Now is the time to swat the spy,
hoe the corn and hunt the Hun.

***A putrid pessimist declares you
can't believe everything you hear, but
you can repeat it.

***It has been said that an embassa-
dor is a man who goes abroad to lie
for the good of his country. All liars
are not ambassadors, however, neither
are they diplomats.

***A congressman has made the fol-
lowing confession: "An honest politi-
cian is one who will stay bought."
The difference between me and my
constituents is that I am in a position
to sell out, and they are not."

S. C. MUSGRAVE.

Family Pride.

I frankly confess I have a respect
for family pride. If it be a prejudice,
it is prejudice in its most picturesque
shape. But I hold it is connected
with some of the noblest feelings in
our nature.—L. E. Landon.

How Money Gets Into Circulation.

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treasuries and from these it is distrib-
uted to banks. It is drawn out of banks
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DINNER FOR FIRST REGIMENT OFFICERS

It Will be Tendered by Cit-
izens Probably Satur-
day.

A dinner at which the officers of the
First Regiment, West Virginia National
Guard will be the honor guests, is
being planned by Fairmont citizens.
While plans have not been made in
regard to the dinner it is probable it
will be served Saturday evening at
nine o'clock at the Fairmont and pre-
ceding the serving of the dinner, an
informal reception will be held with
members of the local Red Cross soci-
ety in the receiving line.

It is estimated that there will be
about thirty officers from the camp
entertained and that local people will
swell the number to approximately one
hundred.

To the reception which will precede
the dinner the public will be invited to
call and meet the officers of the First
West Virginia Infantry.

A program of toasts will be provid-
ed and everything possible will be done
to make the occasion an auspicious
one.

Consol. Ball Team's Trip is Canceled

At a meeting of the members of the
Consolidation Coal company baseball
team held in the Watson building yes-
terday evening the three day trip to
Pittsburgh beginning Friday of this
week was cancelled.

Manager McAteer states that he is
endeavoring to arrange a two-day trip
to Wheeling in the place of the one to
Pittsburgh, but nothing definite has
yet been arranged.

Practically every member of the
team was present yesterday evening
and an excellent get-together meeting
took place.

He Will Consult His Pastor.

Some day soon we are going around
to call on our pastor and ask him if it's
an acted lie, and therefore every bit
as bad as a regular one, not to go to
the door when you're busy and the
chances are at least ten to one that it's
somebody desirous of selling you an-
other broom.—Ohio State Journal.

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